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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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PRODUCTION OF HYDROXYLATED

FATTY ACIDS IN GENETICALLY

MODIFIED PLANTS

December 3, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: McElwain

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001, the applicants elect the Group IV claims for prosecution herein. However, it is respectfully submitted that the Group II claims should also be included with the Group IV claims, particularly as it appears that the same field of search is involved.

Respectfully submitted,

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